rules by the Director, who is a permanent employee of the Council?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) According to the information furnished by the Indian Council of Historical Research, its Chairman has not awarded senior fellowships without asking for the opinion of experts.

(b) to (e). Do not arise.

Setting up of Committee for Foreign Grants by Indian Council of Historical Research

101. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to State :

(a) whether it is a fact that the present Chairman Indian Council of Historical Research has set up a separate Committee for foreign Grants ;

(b) if so, what are the names of the Members of the Committee;

(c) what is the reason for taking away this function from the statutory committee viz., the Research Projects Committee ;

(d) when the foreign Grant Committee met last and what are the names of the members who attended its meeting ;

(e) what were its recommendations ; and

(f) whether any member of the Council was present at this important meeting, if not, what are the reasons thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. The present Chairman, ICHR, only reconstituted, among others, two pre-existing sub-committees under authorisation from the Council. These are Foreign Travel Grants and Study-cum-Travel Grants Committees under the Research Projects Committee, which consist of :

(i) Prof. M.G.S. Narayanan
(ii) Prof. Ashin Das Gupta
(iii) Shri Dharampal
(iv) Prof. Satish Chandra (co-opted)
(v) Chairman, ICHR
(vi) Director, ICHR (Secretary)

In case a Member is not available Chairman can co-opt another.

(c) The Foreign Travel Grants Committee has been constituted under Research Projects Committee and its recommendations and decisions are submitted to the RPC which also considers proposals for foreign travel grants directly.

(d) The Committee last met on 31st March, 1989 and its meeting was attended by Prof. Irfan Habib, Prof. Champaklakshmi (co-opted Member) and Dr. T.R. Sareen. Other Members of the Committee could not make it convenient to attend.

(e) The Committee considered 24 cases for grant of foreign travel out of 7 were approved, 12 were rejected and consideration of 5 cases was deferred. Some of the fejected cases were, however, reconsidered by the RPC later.

(f) Chairman and Director of the Council are the full Members of the Council and attended the meeting of the Sub-committee.

Non-Release of funds to the scheme of Training and Rehabilitation of Women in Distress

102. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of HUMAN

Resource Development be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have received any complaints from the training institutions that even the sanctioned funds under the scheme of training and rehabilitation of women in distress are not being released/disbursed by the State level administrations of various States;

(b) what are the reasons for not releasing the funds to training programmes for women and putting the women in distress;

(c) whether most of the institutions to which funds have been sanctioned in almost all States for imparting training have not been able or have ceased to give training mostly because sanctioned funds have not been released by the State Governments ; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to salvage this scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There is no delay in the sanction of grants by the Central Government to the States. It is the States which release them to organisations along with their proportionate share and so the delays if any are caused by them.

(c) No such case has been brought to the notice of the Central Government.

(d) Does not arise.

Threat by Militant Organisations of Sri Lanka to Indians in Sri Lanka

103. SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various militant organisations in Sri Lanka have set a deadline for all Indians and Tamilians in Sri Lanka to close their business/profession and leave Sri Lanka under threat of serious repurcussions for failure to adhere to the dead-line: and

(b) if so, what is Government's information in this regard and reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) 14th June was such a deadline allegedly set by the JVP.

(b) Pamphlets threatening Indian citizens in Sri Lanka and calling on Sri Lanka citizens to boycott Indian goods and not to patronise Indian owned establishments were seen in Colombo. Government made it clear that it considers it to be the responsibility of the Sri Lanka Government to provide adequate security to Indian nationals in Sri Lanka. Government are in touch with the Government of Sri Lanka in this regard.

State Highways included in the National Highways

104. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of State Highways included in the National Highways net-work with details during the last five years, State-wise; and

(b) whether any proposals are pending with Government in this regard and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE